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OF THE

TOWN OF WEBSTER,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

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REPORT.

Amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1886,	\$5,909.60	
Highway tax assessed April 1, 1885, as returned in settlement with highway surveyors, 1886, and committed to the collector,	19.64	\$5,929.24
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The collector has paid into the treasury in cash, abatements, and receipts for non- resident highway tax worked out,	5,697.70	
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Due from collector,		\$231.54

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury,	\$258.75
Fred G. Silver, on note of town,	80.00
Charles G. Tilton, “	60.00
Judith Eastman, “	65.00
Town of Boscawen, for work on bridge and East Cemetery,	6.21
Advertising,	15.00
Town of Warner, rebate,	12.12
Railroad tax,	129.30
Savings-bank tax,	1,226.35
Literary fund,	59.52
County, support of paupers,	265.50
Tristram Sanborn, collector, 1882,	177.43
Jesse D. Sanborn, “ 1884,	47.60
W. S. Putney, “ 1885,	274.16
“ interest collected on tax of 1885,	2.53

W. S. Putney, wood and lumber,	\$4.00	
D. G. Holmes, spikes,	.40	
W. S. Putney, collector, 1886,	5,697.70	
	<hr/>	\$8,381.57

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Silsby & Son, books and stationery,	\$11.10
E. E. Courser, making trunk,	2.00
M. T. Thurber, copying invoice,	3.00
Atherton Sweatt, board of selectmen, room-rent, and wood,	20.75
G. W. Jackman, repairs, and care of hall,	5.00
M. F. Heath, digging graves,	3.50
Frank D. Blanchard, digging graves,	1.50
G. W. Jackman, “	6.00
W. S. Putney, “	4.00
Moses F. Heath, work in West Ceme- tery,	5.00
Moses F. Heath, work in East Ceme- tery,	3.75
Burbank Bros., lumber for cemetery fence,	74.25
C. S. Colby, work on cemetery fence,	17.00
Harris Goodwin, “	10.85
W. W. Burbank, nails and posts for cemetery,	12.04
J. H. Noyes and G. W. Jackman, moving remains of J. H. Jepson,	5.00
F. Shattuck, driving hearse,	1.50
Kirk H. Bills, care of and driving hearse,	13.50
W. S. Putney, work in cemetery,	10.00
George Little, nails, glass, and putty,	3.66
W. W. Burbank, horse hire, car fare, and expense,	8.85
M. A. Pillsbury, horse hire and ex- penses out of town,	3.50

Paid M. A. Pillsbury, services after settle- ment,	\$1.50
C. C. Kimball, use of water,	3.00
W. W. Austin, “	3.00
J. H. Sanborn, “	3.00
Frank A. Lang, check-list blanks,	1.80
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, wagon- jack,	2.50
Chase & Streeter, counsel fees,	14.00
M. A. Pillsbury, taking depositions,	2.25
Dr. N. H. Arey, return of births and deaths,	1.75
J. B. Thurber, horse hire and expenses out of town,	5.50
W. A. Huntoon, sheep killed by dogs,	2.00
Charles George, “	3.00
A. N. Bailey, “	2.00
Thomas Elliott, “	7.50
Jacob Quimby, use of water,	1.50
J. B. Chase, for hinges, braces, etc.,	3.40
W. L. George, work in cemetery,	1.50
J. B. Thurber, postage and stationery,	2.32
H. B. Sanborn, sheep killed by dogs,	5.00
W. S. Putney, postage and stationery,	.31
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	\$292.58

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Charles F. Goodhue, work on road,	\$1.81
H. F. Pearson, “	1.50
Arthur E. French, “	2.50
G. T. Sanborn, “	3.75
J. B. Thurber, “	8.35
Charles H. Fitz, “	2.50
F. A. Shepard, “	2.50
W. W. Austin, “	8.75
George H. Stone, “	.63
Isaac F. Balch, “	2.00
J. L. Colby, “	1.50
Ira P. Whittier, “	3.50

Paid C. C. Kimball, work on road,	\$3.94	
W. M. Holmes, “	10.00	
W. F. Wadleigh, “	5.75	
John Kilborn, “	12.81	
John Perkins, snowing bridges,	2.00	
H. J. Brackett, “	2.50	
W. S. Putney, “	2.00	
Farnsworth Shattuck, snowing bridges,	5.00	
W. W. Burbank, work on roads and bridges,	10.75	
Rice Courser, work on culvert,	4.00	
F. B. Courser, work on bridge,	1.88	
J. L. Colby, “	.50	
Edmund Silver, “	1.00	
H. J. Brackett, work on road, and plank for bridge,	4.72	
W. W. Austin, cutting bushes, and work on road,	8.00	
F. D. Tilton, breaking roads,	10.34	
W. G. Goodhue, cutting bushes,	5.00	
Jacob Quimby, work on road,	.65	
W. L. George, “	5.00	
Frank L. Sweatt, snowing bridges,	5.00	
B. F. Rounds, “	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$142.13

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid school board,	\$747.85	
	<hr/>	\$747.85

ABATEMENTS.

Paid highway tax-list, 1883,	\$11.29	
“ “ 1884,	18.94	
tax-list, 1882,	44.00	
“ 1884,	22.87	
“ 1885,	13.08	
“ 1886,	4.94	
	<hr/>	\$115.12

Paid discount on taxes paid on or before July 1,	\$138.26	
	<hr/>	\$138.26
Paid rebate for school property,	\$1,705.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,705.40
Paid town of Salisbury, rebate Union District No. 4,		\$6.72

PAUPERS.

Paid support A. A. Stevens,	\$65.00	
Ruth Clough,	50.00	
H. B. Fairbanks,	99.00	
burial expenses, H. B. Fairbanks,	13.50	
medical attendance and funeral charges of Israel T. Reyno's child,	19.00	
funeral charges of Jane Dimond,	17.00	
support of transient paupers,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$265.50
Paid state tax,	\$788.00	
county tax,	759.88	
	<hr/>	\$1,547.88
non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	\$53.42	
	<hr/>	\$53.42

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Frank A. Lang, services as supervisor,	\$9.00	
John S. Whittier, " "	15.00	
Gilman Jones, " "	9.00	
J. B. Thurber, services as selectman,	59.25	
M. A. Pillsbury, " "	45.75	
W. W. Burbank, " "	57.00	
Atherton Sweatt, services as town-clerk,	17.20	
Frank L. Sweatt, services as treasurer,	20.00	
W. S. Putney, services as collector, 1885,	15.00	
" " " 1886,	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$272.20

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid C. G. Tilton, note,	\$50.00	
Fred E. Silver, note,	75.00	
Charles D. Glitten,	600.00	
Abial Trumbull,	90.00	
interest,	175.16	
	<hr/>	\$990.16

BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid bonds,	\$1,400.00	
interest,	174.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,574.00

SUMMARY.

Miscellaneous bills,	\$292 58	
Roads and bridges,	142.13	
Pauper account,	265.50	
School money,	747.85	
State tax,	788.00	
County tax,	759.88	
Highway tax paid in labor,	53.42	
Town officers,	272.20	
Abatements,	1,958.78	
Paid town of Salisbury, rebate Union Dist.		
No. 4,	6.72	
Notes and interest,	990.16	
Bonds and interest,	1,574.00	
Cash in treasury,	530.35	
	<hr/>	\$8,381.57

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

NOTES.

Elmer E. Courser,	\$80.00
Warren Abbott,	450.00
Charles D. Glitten,	1,000.00
Gustie J. Stone,	45.00
Cyrus A. Stone,	550.00
Eliza J. Call,	190.00

George S. Austin,	\$120.00	
M. A. Pillsbury,	524.00	
Dorcas A. Eastman,	50.00	
Frank L. Sweatt,	50.00	
Winfield S. Call,	26.00	
Frank E. Shepard,	50.00	
Louise F. Buxton,	200.00	
Eunice W. Austin,	150.00	
Charles G. Tilton,	60.00	
Fred E. Silver,	80.00	
Judith Eastman,	65.00	
Bonds,	1,500.00	
School money in treasury,	16.67	
	<hr/>	\$5,206.67

ASSETS.

Due from W. S. Putney, collector, 1886,	\$231.54	
Jackman wood lot,	250.00	
Cash in treasury,	530.35	
	<hr/>	\$1,011.89
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$4,194.78

Respectfully submitted :

JOSEPH B. THURBER,
MOODY A. PILLSBURY,
WILLIAM W. BURBANK,

Selectmen of Webster.

INVENTORY

OF THE TOWN OF WEBSTER, APRIL 1, 1886.

156 polls,	\$15,600.00
Resident real estate,	190,755.00
Non-resident real estate,	34,128.00
144 horses,	9,760.00
66 oxen,	4,180.00
268 cows,	6,307.00
186 other stock,	3,541.00
1204 sheep,	2,422.00
8 hogs,	50.00
6 carriages,	495.00
Stock in public funds,	9,400.00
Money,	30,070.00
Stock in trade,	3,500.00
Mills machinery,	4,480.00
	<hr/> \$314,688.00

Money tax, \$1.85 on \$100 ; highway tax, 25 cents on \$100.

APPRAISAL SCHOOL PROPERTY.

District No. 1,	\$20.00
“ 2,	250.00
“ 3,	275.00
“ 4,	40.00
“ 5,	45.00
“ 6,	325.00
“ 7,	195.00
“ 8,	300.00
“ 9,	250.00
	<hr/> \$1,700.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

The town treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1886,	\$258.75
Received of selectmen,	508.23
W. S. Putney, collector, 1886,	5,697.70
" " 1885,	274.16
Tristram Sanborn, collector, 1882,	177.43
Jesse D. Sanborn, 1884,	47.60
savings-bank tax,	1,226.35
railroad tax,	129.30
literary fund,	59.52
W. S. Putney, collector, interest,	2.53
	—————\$8,381.57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid bonds and interest,	\$1,574.00
notes and interest,	990.16
school money,	747.85
state tax,	788.00
county tax,	759.88
order of the selectmen,	2,931.19
non-resident highway tax receipts,	53.42
town of Salisbury,	6.72
cash in treasury,	530.35
	—————\$8,381.57

FRANK L. SWEATT, *Treasurer.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Webster :

We would call your attention to the steady decrease in the population of Webster. Its effect upon our industries is already shown. If it is continued without abatement we do not like to contemplate the consequences. We have a floating population in this country,—not that popularly known as “tramps,” but that which upon the flood of emigration made Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and has sent to us from the plains fat beeves instead of the skins of wild animals. They are people who love their country, and have made it to take the place it does among the nations of the earth. They are not like some of us who are left here, rooted to the soil almost as firmly as the trees, but they have always been ready with their intelligence and energy to build up, wherever they might be, new industries, and give life and activity to the place. Such men have gone from Webster. We miss them. Not all obeyed the injunction of the sage, “Go West, young man !” for many sons of Webster may be found in such places as Franklin, Concord, Manchester, and other manufacturing towns. Why are they there?

If you would listen to some of the tax-payers in Concord, for instance,—men who do nothing to build up the place but pay their taxes,—you might hear them complaining of the people who are crowding their city for no other purpose than to educate their children. “We have spent too much money on our schools,” they say, “and now these people are going to have the benefit without cost to themselves.” Who are the men who go there for that purpose, if we give credence to the complaint, but men who did not feel able to send their children away to school, but realized the importance of an education ! Why did Franklin raise its school revenue from less than \$4,000—the amount required by law—to more than \$9,000 ? Was it simply

to benefit those who might go into the town for school purposes, or did they think an accession of intelligent workmen with families was what they needed to give activity to their industries? Were they less liable to strikes and labor troubles when their operatives were men who were not there for the monthly pay alone, but for school privileges also? Was that the only inducement the people of Franklin might have to tax themselves voluntarily for the support of their schools? They hoped to make their industries permanent, and that the sons and daughters of their employes would in the near future take their places in the factory and counting-room.

Walker, in discussing labor, says,—“The intelligent is more useful than the unintelligent laborer, (*a*) because he requires a far shorter apprenticeship,—he can learn his trade in a half, a third, or a quarter the time which the other requires; (*b*) because he can do his work with little or no superintendence,—he is able to carry instructions in his mind, and to apply them with discretion to the varying conditions of his work; (*c*) because he is less wasteful of materials; (*d*) because he readily learns to use machinery, however delicate or intricate. It is only the intelligent workman who can freely avail himself of this great help. Brains are not alone required for the invention of machines; they are required for their adjustment, their ordinary use, and their occasional repair.” (Political Economy.)

The people of Franklin have various reasons for taxing themselves for schools, that are not found in a purely agricultural town. For such reasons the class of people upon whom the life of a community depends—viz., the working class—will be found drifting from those towns that for reasons *cannot* give them school privileges to those where they can have them. All are not desirous of leaving a steady agricultural community for the village or city, but feel driven to do it from necessity.

We are not asking you to raise money to make our schools like the Franklin schools, but we do ask you to think of the inevitable results of a much longer wasting of our people.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Teachers.	Weeks of school.																			Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Av. attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal music.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Philosophy.	Botany.	No. not absent.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
Putney,	Mary R. Webster, .	28	15	16	31	16	26	26	20	21	11	7	2

NOTE. Most of the pupils of the Sweat's Mills school had attended other schools ten weeks prior to the opening of this. The larger pupils of the Little Hill school attended other schools seven weeks after its close.

GEORGE LITTLE,
FRIEND F. FISK,
JAMES L. COLBY,
School Board.

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